

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, August 7, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (169 new fires)
New large incidents:	5
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	24
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

One MAFFS C-130 air tanker and support personnel each from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) and the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Colorado Springs, Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to Boise, ID in support of wildland fire operations.

One Convair 580 airtanker group from British Columbia has been deployed to Billings, MT in support of wildland fire operations.

**Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	23
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

\* **Dry Creek**, Sawtooth NF. Six miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, torching and running. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Lund) and IMT 1 (Wilkins). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Lone Pine**, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Ten miles east of Fort Hall, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and creeping. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Broad Mouth**, Bear River Area, Utah DOF. Fifteen miles northwest of Tremonton, UT. Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and creeping. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Cliff Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Bird) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles east of Hoback, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Poodle**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Gerlach, NV. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Dry Creek	ID-STF	950	---	0	Ctn	8/11	100	---	1	6	4	0	100K	FS
Pioneer	ID-BOF	58,136	6,233	26	Ctn	9/30	1,636	130	48	54	10	5	25.3M	FS
* Lone Pine	ID-FHA	10,000	---	0	Ctn	8/9	32	---	0	6	0	0	20K	BIA
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	21,614	0	42	Ctn	8/11	199	-4	6	16	2	3	1.2M	ST
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF	32,966	304	97	Comp	9/30	277	9	6	5	6	1	13.2M	FS
Poodle	NV-WID	6,557	0	98	Ctn	8/7	80	-24	2	3	1	0	1.7M	BLM

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (Vontillow). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Clark**, Inyo NF. IMT 2 (Laeng). Seven miles east of June Lake, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, spotting and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Goose**, Fresno-Kings, Cal Fire. Two miles southeast of Prather, CA. Hardwood litter, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	56,500	2,600	45	Ctn	8/31	5,154	-482	117	300	18	68	86M	ST
Clark	CA-INF	3,030	730	60	Ctn	8/8	335	81	8	14	6	0	550K	FS
Goose	CA-KFU	2,241	0	94	Ctn	8/8	298	-231	8	7	0	9	10.3M	ST

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 47  
New large incidents: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 7  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Kewa**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Goff). Thirty-one miles southwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area restriction, road and area closures in effect.

**Rail**, Wallowa-Whitman, NF. IMT 2 (Harrod). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, flanking and creeping. Area restrictions, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Lower Crab Creek**, Spokane District, BLM. Six miles north of Mattawa, WA. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting, running and flanking. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Bybee Creek**, Crater Lake NP. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) back to the local unit will occur on 8/9. Eighteen miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching, short-range spotting and creeping. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Snake River**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Twelve miles northeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Weigh Station**, Pendleton Unit, ODF. Thirteen miles southeast of Pendleton, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Range 12**, Spokane District, BLM. Twelve miles north of Sunnyside, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Kewa	WA-COA	1,966	20	45	Ctn	8/11	479	40	13	20	0	5	1.5M	BIA
Rail	OR-WWF	10,040	2,921	10	Ctn	8/31	695	79	21	27	6	0	3.5M	FS
* Lower Crab Creek	WA-SPD	10,000	---	0	Ctn	8/9	233	---	1	51	4	0	250K	BLM
Bybee Creek	OR-CLP	1,072	-44	59	Ctn	8/15	384	-9	9	8	7	0	3.9M	NPS
Snake River	WA-WFS	11,453	91	85	Ctn	8/8	220	-108	3	56	0	1	1.5M	ST
Weigh Station	OR-973S	688	0	90	Ctn	8/8	47	-55	2	7	0	2	1.5M	ST
Range 12	WA-SPD	176,600	0	95	Ctn	8/7	24	-7	0	6	0	0	1.6M	BLM

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 27  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Roaring Lion**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Five miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Copper King**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Thompson). Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Race Horse Gulch**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Seven miles northwest of Dixon, MT. Timber and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with uphill and wind-driven runs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Roaring Lion	MT-BRF	8,249	322	25	Comp	9/30	745	-117	16	50	9	65	5.3M	FS
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,398	112	5	Ctn	10/31	389	13	9	15	6	0	3.2M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	400	---	0	Ctn	8/13	40	---	1	0	0	0	100K	BIA

### **Rocky Mountain (PL 3)**

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs Committed:	2
NIMOs Committed:	1

**Whit**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. IMT 1 (Pechota). Twelve miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

**Lava Mountain**, Shoshone NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Martin) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twenty-four miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Whit	WY-WBD	10,366	168	30	Ctn	8/24	687	239	18	32	10	8	2.5M	BLM
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,643	64	90	Ctn	9/1	317	-98	3	18	2	0	17.2M	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	35,317	561	28	Ctn	10/21	282	0	3	28	5	17	17.7M	FS
Tokewana	WY-UIX	1,287	0	100	Ctn	---	121	-11	3	5	1	8	4.1M	CNTY

UIX – Unita County, WY

### **Northern California (PL 3)**

New fires:	44
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

**Cold**, Sonoma –Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Estes). Seven miles west of Winters, CA. Chaparral and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cold	CA-LNU	5,385	685	45	Ctn	8/10	1,431	-194	39	74	5	0	7.2M	ST

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Imperial**, Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Fourteen miles north of Yuma, AZ. Brush, hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Imperial	AZ-IMR	100	---	50	Ctn	8/19	29	---	1	1	0	0	330K	FWS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Hognose**, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing.

**Anole**, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Thirty-three miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Hognose	LA-SBR	440	---	0	Ctn	8/12	17	---	0	0	1	0	15K	FWS
Anole	LA-SBR	3,566	---	95	Ctn	UNK	3	---	0	1	0	0	70K	FWS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	15	237,257	56	242	18	2,606
ONCC	1	5,385	39	74	5	1,431
OSCC	5	103,388	144	330	30	6,131
NRCC	15	19,114.3	37	105	23	1,698
GBCC	16	138,009	74	109	33	2,772
SWCC	14	25,603	4	31	1	301
RMCC	7	79,225.1	28	86	19	1,461
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	8	10,259	0	8	2	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>618,240.4</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16,469</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	2	16	0	0	8	21	47
	ACRES	26	10,142	0	0	4	13	10,185
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	1	0	34	8	44
	ACRES	1	0	1	0	57	27	86
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	9	1	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,700	686	3,386
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	5	19	27
	ACRES	65	0	0	0	79	380	524
Great Basin Area	FIRES	2	5	0	1	3	12	23
	ACRES	1,000	21	0	0	23	6,259	7,303
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	1	2	5	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	4	203	5	212
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	168	64	232
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	92	0	92
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>1,092</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>7,434</b>	<b>22,020</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	178	0	0	333	12	<b>523</b>
	ACRES	0	392,566	0	0	104,679	3	<b>497,248</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	241	123	22	18	880	392	<b>1,676</b>
	ACRES	9,755	100,433	249	781	5,917	11,221	<b>128,356</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	80	5	1	23	1,702	257	<b>2,068</b>
	ACRES	134	11	1	3	27,332	8,726	<b>36,207</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	65	6	29	2,117	241	<b>2,469</b>
	ACRES	8	26,174	269	66	76,151	90,345	<b>193,013</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	545	67	9	7	822	233	<b>1,683</b>
	ACRES	3,465	3,440	1,426	3	32,741	14,710	<b>55,785</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	19	490	6	25	439	284	<b>1,263</b>
	ACRES	1,094	208,316	3	69	72,075	107,411	<b>388,968</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	594	207	10	56	918	930	<b>2,715</b>
	ACRES	25,953	67,154	6,975	32,162	129,664	235,972	<b>497,880</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	556	284	10	17	853	329	<b>2,049</b>
	ACRES	21,307	21,912	480	2,017	472,118	63,969	<b>581,803</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	5,148	352	<b>6,034</b>
	ACRES	1,906	0	1,087	910	30,691	7,152	<b>41,746</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	339	0	25	54	14,146	432	<b>14,996</b>
	ACRES	132,767	0	245	27,567	875,737	43,324	<b>1,079,640</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,875</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>27,358</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>35,476</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>196,389</b>	<b>820,006</b>	<b>10,735</b>	<b>63,578</b>	<b>1,827,105</b>	<b>582,833</b>	<b>3,500,646</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>47,013</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>4,255,583</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	00	0	0	0	10	0	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	105	0	105
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>110</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	7	0	0	2	1	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	31,664	0	0	1,566	38	<b>33,268</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	22	6	0	0	152	<b>189</b>
	ACRES	8,752	1,991	356	0	0	24,097	<b>35,196</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	8	0	126	<b>148</b>
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	<b>12,059</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	1	0	136	<b>146</b>
	ACRES	0	71	422	760	0	3,587	<b>4,840</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	12	12	53	11	14	149	<b>251</b>
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,318	651	698	14,894	<b>38,235</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	22	6	5	36	74	<b>147</b>
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	26,112	<b>33,145</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	30	3	8	1	110	<b>160</b>
	ACRES	894	22,071	92	2,331	2	62,663	<b>88,053</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	16	33	57	24	76	69	<b>275</b>
	ACRES	1,286	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	<b>73,620</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	347	23	900	182	<b>1,539</b>
	ACRES	45,614	0	50,949	5,774	61,444	56,182	<b>219,963</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	17	0	182	65	10,114	914	<b>11,292</b>
	ACRES	1,830	0	160,866	51,546	667,393	831,657	<b>1,713,292</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>157</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>11,143</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>14,157</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>63,843</b>	<b>65,449</b>	<b>258,164</b>	<b>72,470</b>	<b>736,500</b>	<b>1,055,245</b>	<b>2,251,671</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>

### Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	16	216	718	93,960
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	48	16,375
ALBERTA	1	0	1,169	611,482
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	174	183,488
SASKATCHEWAN	4	6	344	220,361
MANITOBA	1	1	181	35,567
ONTARIO	0	6	525	86,791
QUEBEC	3	684	494	32,603
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	79	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	246	238
NOVA SCOTIA	0	80	222	440
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	51	5,379
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>4,257</b>	<b>1,297,661</b>

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Widely scattered thunderstorms will move across the far northern Great Basin, parts of the Northwest and into the northern Rockies. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will persist over the central and southern Rockies. Breezy conditions will form across the California and Nevada. Scattered showers and thunderstorms, some with heavy rain, will move across the Gulf and Mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures will cool across the northern half of the country while very hot conditions continue in the far Southwest and the southern Plains. The southeast will be warm. Showers and few thunderstorms will continue over western and southern Alaska. Temperatures will remain warm in the Interior, mild in the mountain areas. Widely scattered thunderstorms will move across the far northern Great Basin, parts of the Northwest and into the northern Rockies. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will persist over the central and southern Rockies. Breezy conditions will form across the California and Nevada. Scattered showers and thunderstorms, some with heavy rain, will move across the Gulf and Mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures will cool across the northern half of the country while very hot conditions continue in the far Southwest and the southern Plains. The southeast will be warm. Showers and few thunderstorms will continue over western and southern Alaska. Temperatures will remain warm in the Interior, mild in the mountain areas.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

*Operational Engagement Category*

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing overhead/resource leaders?
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
- Reduce the risks by:
  - Posting lookouts.
  - Checking communications.
  - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.
  - Identifying prominent geographic features

**References:**

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Incident Response Pocket Guide

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